

and the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination of Dirk Kempthorne. **Page S5296**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert O. Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives.

Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Phyllis D. Thompson, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Elizabeth Dougherty, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

40 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Navy. **Page S5301**

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—158)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 10:06 p.m., until 8:45 a.m., on Friday, May 26, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5296.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HADITHA INCIDENT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the status of ongoing investigations into an incident involving Iraqi civilians on November 19, 2005, near Haditha, from Brigadier General John F. Kelly, USMC, Legislative Assistant to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund; and

The nominations of Armando J. Bucelo, Jr., and Todd S. Farha, both of Florida, each to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, Jon T. Rymer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, John W. Cox, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and William Hardiman, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences.

TELECOM REFORM: NET NEUTRALITY AND INTERCONNECTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee resumed hearings to examine S. 2686, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and for other purposes, focusing on policies that will increase investment in network technologies to promote facilities-based competition, receiving testimony from Paul Misener, Amazon.com, Tom Tauke, Verizon, Timothy J. Regan, Corning Incorporated, Ben Scott, Free Press, on behalf of Consumers Union and Consumer Federation of America, and Earl W. Comstock, COMPTel, all of Washington, D.C.; and Roger J. Cochetti, Computing Technology Industry Association, Arlington, Virginia.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, June 13.

COAL-BASED ELECTRIC GENERATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the outlook for growth of coal-fired electric generation and whether sufficient supplies of coal will be available to supply electric generators on a timely basis both in the near term and in the future, after receiving testimony from Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Robert McLennan, Tri-State Generation and

Transmission Association, Inc., Westminster, Colorado; Steven Jackson, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, Atlanta; Edward R. Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, Washington, D.C.; David Wilks, Xcel Energy, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute and Consumers United for Rail Equity; and Robert K. Sahr, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, Pierre, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

U.N. REFORM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current status of reform efforts at the United Nations (U.N.), focusing on the U.N.'s Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), the Human Rights Council, and critical issues confronting the U.N. Security Council, including Iran, Darfur, Lebanon, and Burma, after receiving testimony from John R. Bolton, United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael E. Ranneberger, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya, Eric M. Bost, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, W. Stuart Symington IV, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, who was introduced by Representative Skelton, and Gayleatha Beatrice Brown, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUDGET PROCESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine Congress' role and effectiveness in the Federal budget process, as well as ways it can improve the management of Federal funds, including restoration of realistic discretionary caps, application of pay-as-you-go discipline to both mandatory spending and revenue legislation, the use of "triggers" for some mandatory programs, and better reporting of fiscal exposures, after receiving testimony from former Representative Timothy Penny; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; James C. Miller, III, former Director, Office of Management and Budget; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and Chris Edwards, Cato Institute, and Maya C. MacGuineas, New America

Foundation, and Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, both of Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of R. David Paulison, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Federal Emergency Management, and Lurita Alexis Doan, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services.

SUBPOENA

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee approved the issuance of a subpoena for the Institute of Medicine to release material relevant to the immunization safety review committee.

INDIAN EDUCATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian education programs, including the status of academic achievement of Indian children, after receiving testimony from James E. Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary, and Kevin Skenandore, Acting Director, Office of Indian Education Programs, both of the Department of the Interior; Darla Marburger, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Cathie Carothers, Acting Director, Office of Indian Education, and Thomas Corwin, Director, Division of Elementary, Secondary, and Vocational Analysis, Budget Service, all of the Department of Education; Bernie Teba, New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department, Santa Fe; Ryan Wilson, National Indian Education Association, Washington, D.C.; Ivan Small, National Association of Federally Impacted Schools, Poplar, Montana, on behalf of the National Indian Impacted Schools Association, and the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools; Beth Kirsch, WGBH, Boston, Massachusetts; and David M. Gipp, United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck, North Dakota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2039, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders;

S. 2560, to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

The nominations of Sandra Segal Ikuta, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Erik C. Peterson, of Wisconsin, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, and Gary D. Orton, of Nevada, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nevada, both of the Department of Justice.

LEGALIZED ASSISTED SUICIDE AND EUTHANASIA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights concluded a hearing to examine the consequences of legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia, after receiving testimony from Senator Wyden; Hendrick Reitsema, Eck en Wiel, The Netherlands; Jonathan Imbody, Christian Medical Association, Ashburn, Virginia; Wesley Smith, Discovery Institute, Castro Valley, California; Kathryn Tucker, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle; Rita Marker, International Taskforce on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, Steubenville, Ohio; Ann Jackson, Oregon Hospice Association, and Julie McMurchie, both of Portland, Oregon; and Diane Coleman, Not Dead Yet, Forest Park, Illinois.

VA DATA PRIVACY BREACH

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded joint hearings with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs to examine the De-

partment of Veterans Affairs data privacy breach, focusing on the recent theft of computer material that contained the names and Social Security numbers of 26.5 million veterans, after receiving testimony from R. James Nicholson, Secretary, and George J. Opfer, Inspector General, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

PANDEMIC FLU

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine efforts by the Department of Health and Human Services to improve the nation's preparedness for a potential human influenza pandemic, focusing on strategy and threat assessment, and the possible impact on the elderly, after receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services; J. Steven Cline, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Raleigh; and Nancy Donegan, Washington Hospital Center/MedStar, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the American Hospital Association.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 44 public bills, H.R. 5477–5520; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 87; H. Con. Res. 417–421; and H. Res. 843–848, were introduced. **Pages H3306–08, H3358–61**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3308–09, H3361–62**

Reports Filed: Reports filed were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 842, providing for consideration of the H.R. 5254 to set schedules for the consideration of permits for refineries (H. Rept. 109–482);

Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2007 (H. Rept. 109–483); and

H. Res. 809, directing the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the Secretary's possession relating to any existing or previous agreement between the Department of Homeland Security and Shirlington Limousine and Transportation, Incorporated, of Arlington, Virginia, adversely (H. Rept. 109–484). **Pages H3306, H3358**

American-Made Energy and Good Jobs Act: The House passed H.R. 5429, to direct the Secretary of

the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 209. **Pages H3245–59, H3267–68**

Rejected Mr. Miller of California motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 201 yeas to 223 nays, Roll No. 208, after ordering the previous question. **Pages H3258–59, H3266–67**

H. Res. 835, the rule providing for further consideration of the measure was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 207, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H3236–45**

Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Taylor of Mississippi to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy. **Page H3268**

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2007: The House began consideration on